



Entry Criteria and Minimum Credits for Qualifications of Nursing Programs

Level	Qualification	Minimum credits	Minimum Duration	Entry criteria	MNMC registration category
Level 4	Certificate level 4/Advanced Certificate in Nursing	120	1 year (28-30 weeks) full time	Three passes with a minimum “C” grade in GCE 'O' Level excluding SSC, OR Three passes Pass in Sahadhaisaanavi OR Three pass in national examination boards of other countries	Category D
Level 5	Diploma in Nursing	360	3 years (28-30 weeks/per year) full time	Pass with minimum “C” grade in GCE ‘O’ level Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology, Physics/Chemistry or equivalent (national board exams) AND Pass with a minimum “E” grade in any two subjects of Higher Secondary Education including Dhivehi and Islam AND Certified competency in English OR Completion MNQF level 4 Foundation Course (Approved by the MNMC) that includes Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology , Physics/Chemistry, Certified competency in English OR Pass in Sahadhaisaanavi Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology,	Category B

				<p>Physics/Chemistry AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Successful completion of Certificate 4 in Nursing AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>*Certified competency in English</p> <p>Minimum “C” grade in GCE ‘O’ level English OR equivalent (Approved by the MNMC)</p>	
Level 6	Advanced Diploma in Nursing	360	3 years (28-30 weeks/per year) full time	<p>Pass with minimum “C” grade in GCE ‘O’ level Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology, Physics/Chemistry or equivalent (national board exams)</p> <p>AND Pass with a minimum “E” grade in any two subjects of Higher Secondary Education including Dhivehi and Islam</p> <p>AND Certified competency in English AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Completion MNQF level 4 Foundation Course (Approved by the MNMC) that includes Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology , Physics/Chemistry, Certified competency in English</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Pass in Sahadhaisaanavi Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology, Physics/Chemistry AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Successful completion of Certificate 4 in Nursing AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>*Certified competency in English</p> <p>Minimum “C” grade in GCE ‘O’ level English OR equivalent (Approved by the MNMC)</p>	Category B

Level 6	Advanced Diploma in Nursing (Specialized area in Nursing)	450 (360 credits from level 5) 90 credits from level 6	3 years of (Diploma/Advanced Diploma in Nursing) and 6 months (21 weeks) fulltime from level 6 of nursing specialization	Attainment of level 5 or level 7 nursing program	Category A
Level 6	Professional certificate in Nursing	40 credits	15 weeks fulltime	Attainment of level 5 nursing program	Category previously registered does not change
Level 7	Bachelor's Degree	480	4 years (28-30 weeks/per year) full time	<p>Pass with minimum "C" grade in GCE 'O' level Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology, Physics/Chemistry or equivalent</p> <p>AND Pass with a minimum "E" grade in GCE 'A' level in any of the following two subjects (Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology, Physics, Chemistry) or equivalent (National board exam) AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Pass in Sahadhaisaanavi Mathematics, Biology/Human Biology, Physics/Chemistry AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Successful completion of Diploma in Nursing AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Successful completion of Diploma in health related field specified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health/Primary Health Care//Pharmacy/ Diploma in medical laboratory technology. <p>*Certified competency in English</p> <p>Minimum "C" grade in GCE 'O' level English OR equivalent (Approved by</p>	<p>Category B</p> <p>OR</p> <p>With Advanced Diploma in Nursing (Specialized area in Nursing) then Category A</p>

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Level 7	Professional Diploma in Nursing (Specialization)	120 (90 credits from level 7)	1 year (28-30 weeks/per year) full time	Attainment of level 6 or level 7 nursing program	Category A
Level 7	Professional certificate in Nursing	40 credits	15 weeks fulltime	Attainment of level 7 nursing program Or Successful completion of Diploma in Nursing AND attainment of level 7 in related field	Category previously registered does not change
Level 8	Graduate Certificate/ Post graduate Certificate in Nursing	60 credits	20 weeks full time	Attainment of level 7 nursing program Or Successful completion of Diploma in Nursing AND attainment of level 7 in related field	Category A previously registered does not change
Level 8	Graduate Diploma/ Post graduate Diploma in Nursing	120 credits	1 year (28-30 weeks/per year) full time	Attainment 7 nursing program OR Successful completion of Diploma in Nursing AND attainment of level 7 in related field	Category previously registered does not change
Level 9	Masters in Nursing	180 credits	1 (12 months) or 1 and ½ years (28-30 weeks/per year) full time	Successful completion of Bachelor of Nursing AND Certified competency in English OR Successful completion of Level 7 in related field to nursing AND successful completion of Diploma in Nursing AND registration at Registered Nurse level in MNMC AND Certified competency in English *Certified competency in English Minimum “C” grade in GCE ‘O’ level English OR equivalent (Approved by	Category previously registered does not change

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Level 10	PhD in Nursing	360 credits	3 years (28-30 weeks/per year) full time	<p>Successful completion of Master of Nursing AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Successful completion of Level 7 and 9 in related field to nursing AND successful completion of Diploma in Nursing AND registration at Registered Nurse level in MNMC AND Certified competency in English</p> <p>*Certified competency in English</p> <p>Minimum “C” grade in GCE ‘O’ level English OR equivalent (Approved by the MNMC)</p>	

Minimum Requirements of English Pass

Description	*IELTS	*OET	*TOEFL paper	*TOEFL IBT	*TOEFL CBT	*FCE	*ECCE	*PTE 3	CEF level	Cambridge
The capacity to achieve most goals and express oneself on a range of topics.	5.5-6.0	C and Above (200 and above)	513-547	65-78	183-210	C	C	C	B2	*FCE

- IELTS: International English Language Testing System
- OET; Occupational English Test
- TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language
- TOEFL IBT: Test Of English as a Foreign Language Internet-based Test
- TOEFL CBT: Test Of English as a Foreign Language Computer-based Test
- FCE: First Certificate in English
- ECCE: Examination for the Certificate of Competency in English (American English)
- PTE: Pearson Test of English
- CEF: Common European Framework
- English entrance Exam of Maldivian universities/colleges approved by MNMC

English entrance Exam of Maldivian universities/colleges approved by MNQF Level 5

NOTE: The Guideline “Entry Criteria and Minimum Credits for Qualifications of Nursing Programs” published on 10th March 2016 and 20th March 2019 shall be inclusive of aforementioned amendments and shall be put into effect from

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